

Vocabulary

Halloween	Nit de bruixes	monster	monstre
bat	Ratpenat	mummy	mòmia
black cat	gat negre	pumpkin	carbassa
candy	caramel	skeleton	esquelet
cobweb	teranyina	spell	encanteri
costume	disfressa	spider	aranya
devil	diable	spider's web	teranyina
ghost	fantasma	tombstone	tomba
haunted house	casa embruixada	vampire	vampir
magic	magia	wizard	bruixot, mag
trick or treat	truc o tracte	witch	bruixa

Halloween traditions

- It's celebrated on **October 31st**. When the Celts lived in Ireland, Britain and France over 2,000 years ago, they had a pagan agricultural festival on this day. They believed that the dead came back, so they used to light large bonfires to ward off evil spirits. Irish, Scots and other immigrants brought this tradition to North America in the 19th century.
- The word "**Halloween**" is a shortened form of "All Hallows' Eve", meaning the evening before "All Hallows' Day" or "All Saints' Day", which is November 1st.
- In the past, poor people went around asking for food in exchange of a prayer for the dead. Nowadays, this tradition was changed. In Ireland and the United States, children dress up and go door-to-door collecting candy. This is called "**trick or treat**", meaning that if they don't receive candy they will make a trick or a spell.
- The carved pumpkin has become the symbol of Halloween. It's called "**Jack-o-lantern**", from an Irish legend about a man called Jack. He was a lazy farmer, who tricked the devil and refused to free him unless he agreed to never let Jack go into hell. So, Jack started to wander the Earth looking for a resting place, carrying a carved turnip with a candle inside.